

Prayer Points

For those in need: Adrian Knight; Brian Turner; Pat Forbes; Tracy Barralet; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton

Those we remember: Marjorie Dixon; Frances Trivett; Keith Sen; Joyce Webster

Next Sunday - Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.4-20; 1 Samuel 2.1-8; Hebrews 10.11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13.1-11

Rosters: Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Liturgical assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible reader: David French

10am: Welcomer: Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music:

Colin Forbes; Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Fred Anchell (NT);

Communion Servers: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Ethel McInnes & Ann Munro

St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Sunday 8 Nov	12-2.30pm	Sunday Home Group
Wednesday 11 Nov	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 21 Nov	9am-12noon	Pre-Advent working/cleaning bee
Saturday 28	10am-1pm	Pandora's Festive Fashions - Champagne, fashion & jewellery, please drop in & view all our fashions for the festive season. 11am-1pm St Pip's Playgroup & Children's Ministry Advent Lunch

We'll be sharing food and fellowship with one another in St Philip's Kindergarten playground. Please bring a salad or desert to share, sausages and bread provided. Remember to bring a child's gift for the Anglicare appeal. We meet together to help our children make the most of Advent, we will paint glasses to put candles into to remind us of the light of Jesus & other advent activities.

	5pm	St Philip's Advent Happy Hour
	6.30pm	St Philip's Advent Dinner & Concert
Wednesday 16	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service
Thursday 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	5pm	Children's Christmas Service
	11pm	Carol Singing
	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Friday 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
	9am	Holy Communion



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Sunday 8 November 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 106, 774, 599 Tune ii & 416

Sentence

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6.38

Prayer of the day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17; Hebrews 9. (19-22) 22-28;
Mark 12.38-44; John 11.32-44

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Bible reader: Rhonda Evans;

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10am: Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Fred Anshell & helpers; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Ashton Robinson(OT), David Tscharke(NT); Communion Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom & James Kim; Morning Tea: Odom family

Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house:
their labour is but lost that build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city:
the watchmen watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil:
for the Lord bestows honour and on those whom he loves.
- 4 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:
he will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies at the gate.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 127 is the eighth of the songs of Ascent (Psalms 120-134), a special group of psalms that pilgrims sang articulating the movement of worship from a hostile social and political environment into the presence of God in Jerusalem and then back home again. It shares a common theme of those psalms of trusting and depending on God.

However, it places such trust and dependence in the homely setting of family and kin, of house building and rearing children, community activities and work. Without God we build homes, surround ourselves with security and work and worry endlessly all to no avail. How modern is this!

The everyday and the ordinary are realms of the sacred. It is where God engages us to entrust our lives to him, to pursue God's claim upon us and to work to embody God's purposes in everyday realities and in so doing to find joy. Such realities are now given extraordinary significance. Our true treasure lies in the relationships we build with God and children and our enemies.

The same can be said about the new family of God's people. The Psalm is often used at church dedications and rightly so. The trouble for us is that the beautiful routine activities of family and church can become demonic if they turn in on themselves. The glorification of home ownership, of family, of community life can be destructive if it is merely

about our possessions, our self-serving interests, our neediness, or excluding others and excluding God. The church is no different.

Colin

This week @ St Philip's

Today	12-2.30pm	Sunday Home Group
Monday		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Wednesday	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN
	7pm	Youth Group
	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN
	10am	Holy Communion @ Kankinya

Update from the Parish Treasurer

Parishioners over the last few years have been very generous with their time and money as we have developed the Lamerton Centre and carried out various much needed repairs. However, at the same time regular giving to the church has been decreasing relative to the on-going costs of inflation. Currently we are looking at the cost of renovating the rectory as we look forward to the appointment of a new rector. Much of this expense will be met by the Carola Parke bequest but we do not want this bequest to meet the normal day-to-day running costs of the Parish. We have many costs that we are obliged to meet, eg. our Diocesan commitment, insurance policies and stipends. Therefore, Council asks all parishioners to review their giving and consider the amount they regularly donate.

St Philip's 2015 Local Mission Project:

Common Ground Canberra

Common Ground Canberra is the national capital's first low-cost supportive housing initiative focused on providing quality tenant outcomes for people who have experienced chronic homelessness.

Envelopes available today, if you would like to make a contribution towards St Philip's donation to this project.

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